

RESOLUTION

*Directing the Wichita Executive Committee to Authorize Funds for the Purchase of a
Language App in the FY-2020 Budget*

- WHEREAS,** the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (Wichita, Keechi, Waco, and Tawakoni) (the "Tribe") possesses substantial inherent sovereign powers and has exercised those powers since time immemorial; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe has a duly established Tribal Government recognized by the Secretary of the Interior; and
- WHEREAS,** Article III of the Wichita Governing Resolution affirms that the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes Council is the Tribe's supreme governing body; and
- WHEREAS,** the Council may transact any business which may come regularly before it at its annual meeting; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V of the Wichita Governing Resolution authorizes the Wichita Executive Committee to transact business and otherwise speak or act on behalf of the Tribe in all matters on which the Tribe is empowered to act now or in the future; and
- WHEREAS,** the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes continues to struggle to revive our language; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe's last fluent speaker passed away in August of 2016 leaving behind many recordings; and
- WHEREAS,** with these recordings the Wichita Language Revitalization Committee, projects through the MICA Group-Cultural Resource Fund grant, Gary McAdams and his work with the yearly Oklahoma Native Youth Language Fair have brought about projects increasing the use of language; and
- WHEREAS,** our youth are one of the Tribes' greatest assets and while the Tribe wants to stress culture that normally does not include the use of electronics; and

WHEREAS, that being said, it is the world our people live in today especially our children live in the age of technology where they are constantly tied to their phones and other electronics; and

WHEREAS, language is best taught to children at a young age and with the lack of speakers the Tribe is at a disadvantage at the moment while the Tribe is growing new speakers of the language; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of an app would allow tribal members that do not live within the tribal jurisdiction to have language at their fingertips and would provide another service to those that don't live in our service area; and

WHEREAS, the Wichita Tribal Council desires that the Wichita Executive Committee authorize funding in the FY-2020 budget for the purchase of a language app.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the will of the Council of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes that the Wichita Executive Committee authorize funds for the purchase of a Language App in the FY-2020 Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be continuing unless and until rescinded by separate action of this body, and shall supersede any and all prior resolutions or actions to the extent such actions conflict with the authorities granted by this Resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes of Oklahoma on **July 20, 2019**, in Anadarko, Oklahoma, by a vote of _____ for, _____ against, with _____ abstentions and a quorum being present.

Attest:

Approved:

Myles Stephenson, Jr.
Secretary

Terri Parton
President